

Office of Regulatory Staff

1401 Main Street Suite 900

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Docket No. 2013-42-S

To Whom It Might Concern:

I am writing to protest the proposed increase in sewer fees for Palmetto Utilities. They have been granted several increases in the past several years, far greater percentages than increases of salaries or retirement income. Now, they are seeking an 18% (eighteen percent) increase!! This is extravagant and absurd!! I can hardly fathom their audacity. They want to continue to grow in size and let the helpless customers pay for their expansions. I am sick and tired of it. When has the average person seen such an increase in salary? Personally, as a retired school teacher, not that much in a whole decade!!!

My water bill is consistently at the absolute minimum. It, too, is increasing, but I have been paying \$19.20 (the minimum) for months, and before last year, it was \$11.40 for many months (the absolute minimum). I am conservative in my usage of water, and I believe that my sewer bill should reflect a minimum fee. It is totally unfair that I pay the same amount as a family of four, five, or six, or more!! There are five adults next door to me, and they pay the same for sewage service as I do. Is that fair? Emphatically, NO!!! I am tired of subsidizing other families.

I beseech you to deny this rate increase, especially for the sake of those of us who live alone and use the minimum amount of water, thus, minimum usage of sewage service. The only alternative to this would be to tie the sewer bill to the water bill. The company says that that is impossible since there are two entities involved, but it could be done with some willingness on the part of Palmetto Utilities.

This letter is probably a waste of time as the increase is undoubtedly a fait accompli, but I wish to be heard.

Sincerely,

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minutes to
read my protest.
Thank you,
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